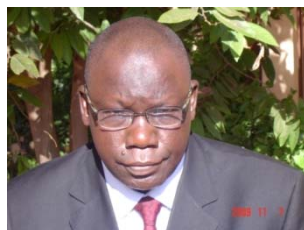




AFSTA CONGRESS 2010

1st to 4th March 2010

Bamako, Mali



*Issa Mory DEMBELE
Chairman, NOC Congress 2010*

Dear Friends and Colleagues

I have the pleasure of invitation you to the next Annual AFSTA Congress that will take place from 1st - 4th March 2010, in Bamako, the capital city of the Republic of Mali. It is a privilege for ASSEMA and a great honor for Mali to host one of the most important events in the African seed industry.

The delegates, who participated in the 9th AFSTA Congress that took place in Cape Town in March 2009, will remember without a doubt that I had placed the Bamako Congress as an opportunity to revamp the West African seed industry.

The Congress Program has various themes relating to the seed sector and its mutations under the impulse of new technology.

Situated in the heart of West Africa, Bamako is built next to the River Niger of which the basin offers the Malian Agriculture more than one million hectares of irrigable land.

Senou International Airport, Bamako, is only a few hours flight from most of the big cities in West Africa. All these will make the 10th AFSTA Congress a unique opportunity for many seedsmen in West Africa to build business relations with their counterparts from other parts of Africa and the world.

The Congress Hotel, AZALAÏ HÔTEL SALAM, situated on the bank of River Niger, is part of AZALAÏ Hotels, the new African hotel chain.

On behalf of the National Organizing Committee, I welcome you to participate massively in this AFSTA Annual Congress and discover Bamako, its Marché Rose, the Monta Mandings, the diverse and rich Mali culture and other famous tourist sites like Tombouctou, Djenné, the Pays Dogon, and many more exciting places. Looking forward to seeing you all.